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January 28, 1971

The Athens Regional Library Board met at the Regional Library on Thursday, January 28, 1971 at 4:30 p.m.

After a short social hour, Chairman Wier called the meeting to order. He welcomed the members and asked each to introduce himself. Oglethorpe County was represented by Miss Frances Durham, Mrs. E.O. Cabaniss, Mrs. W.G. Callaway and Mrs. W.W. Moore. Mrs. Calvin Langford represented Madison County. Members present from Clarke County were, Mrs. John Wilkins, Miss Natalie Boccock, A.E. Patterson, Thomas H. Milner, Jr., George Bullock, W.W. Wier and Sarah Maret. No members from the Oconee County Library Board were present.

Minutes of the last meeting of the Regional Board were read and were approved after additions.

Mr. Bullock, Chairman of the County Commissioners, complimented the library on the work which was being done.

Chairman Wier reported that the Athens Garden Club Council was continuing to raise money for the Fragrance Garden, the latest project being to sponsor a harvest sale at the Beechwood Shopping Center.

It was reported that Model Cities had been offered the use of the 1957 bookmobile for use in the Model Cities area with the stipulation that Model Cities pay the staff to work on the unit and also the operating expenses including the insurance. The service was to be under the supervision of the Regional Library staff with the Regional Library furnishing the books for the service. A letter had been received from Mr. Denaro of Model Cities expressing their appreciation for the offer and saying their Policy Board and Task Force Committee would study the offer and that we would be notified of their action. Mr. Milner moved that if something could not be worked out within 90 days, that the Executive Committee be authorized to dispose of the truck. Mr. Milner thinks he has a prospective buyer for the unit. Motion was seconded by Mr. Bullock. Motion carried.

It was reported by the committee appointed to select something to purchase as a memorial to Mr. Redwine, that the committee was looking into several possible purchases, but that nothing has been decided upon. The committee favors the purchase of an oil painting, if a suitable one can be found for the amount of money available (\$300.00)

It was reported that the treasurer's bond had been increased to \$50,000 and was written so as to cover the board as a whole. This action had been taken at the request of the Public Library Service of the State Department of Education, which had recommended that all public libraries throughout the state have adequate coverage of funds.

The care the library grounds was discussed. It was suggested that the grounds committee work out a suitable maintenance program.

The librarian reported that the damage suffered by the library from the ~~blast~~ on the night of July 18, 1970 had finally been repaired.

Reports covering activities of the library for the month of December together with the report, HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR, 1970, were distributed to the board.

Miss Maret read a Christmas card from a resident of Sweden (Gunner O. Wittsell).

Mr. Nittsell has come into the possession of one of the library brochures and he commented on the building and asked who in the community was served by it.

Mrs. Langford, Chairman of the Madison County Library Board, invited the Regional Library to hold a meeting in their new library quarters soon .

There was no other business. Meeting was adjourned.

Dorothy E. Thwait  
Secretary

June 30, 1971

The Athens Regional Library Board met at the Regional Library on Wednesday afternoon, June 30, 1971 at 4:45.

Present were: Madison County - Mrs. Calvin Langford; Oglethorpe County - Mrs. W. G. Callaway, Mrs. W. W. Moore; Clarke County - Archie Patterson, Marvin Perry, Troutman Wilson, Miss Janette Browning, W. W. Wier, Hal Cofer, Jr., and Sarah Maret. No representative was present from Oconee County.

Chairman Wier called the meeting to order. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The chairman asked for reports from representatives of the counties. Mrs. Langford reported that Madison County's Library was progressing nicely and that it was being used quite well, and also that at this time music was being piped into the library.

Mrs. Callaway reported for Oglethorpe County. She said that the library was still operating in the same quarters that they had been in for several years. There has been a multi-purpose building built in Lexington and a room has been set aside for the library, but several did not wish to move from the present quarters. The present quarters are some larger than in the new building, but the present location costs the county \$35.00 per month. Quarters in the multipurpose building would be free. She said she does not know how long the quarters will be available, but at present the commissioners have not given it to any other service of the county.

Miss Maret reported on the setting up of a small library in a room in a building which houses an outpost of the Model Cities program at 1478 East Broad Street. She reported it as being a very attractive room even though it is rather small. One staff member will keep the library. She will be under the supervision of the Regional Library, but will be paid by Model Cities. The State Department of Education has furnished a nice collection of books. These will be supplemented by books from the Regional Library's collection.

It was reported that no suitable painting had been located to purchase with the Redwine Memorial money, but that Mrs. Mendenhall thought she would be able to have the loan of one of Mr. Dodd's pictures to hang in the library. Several books have been purchased with some of the money received from friends.

Miss Maret told of the Olivetti copying machine which was placed in the library for possible purchase. After some discussion the board decided that the cost of \$2,195.00 was rather high for the machine and that it would take a long time to repay its cost and we might notify the company to come for it due to the fact that there was no representative locally whom you could call upon for repairs.

Mr. Wier reported that Mr. Benson had taken the plans for the changes needed on the fountain out of the hands of Heery and Heery and that he was seeing about them personally.



Mr. Cofer, Chairman of the Grounds Committee, reported that a great deal of work needed to be done on the grounds and that he hoped that it could be completed this fall. Mr. Patterson was asked to work with Mr. Cofer on this.

During a wind storm on June 29 one tree was blown down and another tree had a very large limb broken off. Mr. Patterson was asked to look at all of the trees on the grounds and see if any were unsafe and if any work needed to be done on them. Plans were shown for benches and trash cans. Mr. Cofer and Mr. Patterson were asked to look over these and decide how many to have made.

The chairman discussed the need for five additional new members of the board. He appointed a committee of Mr. Wilson, Chairman, Mr. Patterson, Mr. Cofer and Mrs. Mendenhall to select names to present to the board.

A nominating committee composed of Mr. Wilson and Mrs. Mendenhall was appointed to select officers to be voted on at the annual meeting.

Miss Maret gave a brief report of a workshop for board members which was held in Macon in May. Attending from the Athens Regional Library Board were Mrs. Mendenhall, Mrs. Oaks and Mrs. Harris.

To work on the updating of the constitution a committee composed of Mr. Wilson, Mr. Patterson and Mr. Hurley was appointed. The Chairman recommended that a provision be made whereby board members would be retired after serving a term on the board. They might be reappointed after being off for one year. Mr. Patterson moved that the Chairman's recommendation be accepted. Cofer seconded. Motion carried.

Miss Maret reported that the library was conducting a very successful reading club and asked the board to go through the children's room after the meeting and see what was being done. She also called attention to the publicity which the reading club has received in the first few weeks.

A letter from Mr. Milner, treasurer, said that he had examined the proposed budget and that he wished to recommend its adoption by the board. Mr. Wilson seconded Mr. Milner's recommendation. Budget was adopted.

The chairman said that the library would observe July 4th and July 5th as holidays.

The chairman recommended the purchase of several lanterns for the library since on several occasions the electricity had gone off in the building (which was true of the day of this meeting).

Meeting adjourned.

*Sarah E. Maret*  
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Secretary.

December 2, 1971

The Athens-Clarke County Library Board met at the Regional Library on Thursday afternoon, December 2, 1971 at 4:30 o'clock.

After a short social hour the meeting was called to order by the Chairman, W.W.Wier. Present were, W.W.Wier, Archie Patterson, Mrs. John Wilkins II, Mrs. F.H.Mendenhall, Miss Natalie Bocock, Mrs. J.B. Neighbors, Miss Janette Browning, Thomas H.Milner, Jr., Troutmen Wilson, John T.Hurley, Howard Stroud and Sarah Maret

Minutes were read and approved.

A discussion of the fountain was held. Mr. Wier reported that the completion of the fountain was at a standstill. Mr. Patterson said he had talked with Mr. Ed Benson and that he had said that he would like to see the fountain completed as a memorial to his father, Mr. Howard Benson. Mr. Wilson said he would talk with Mr. Bailey, the plumber, who now has the pump and rings for the fountain and see if he could get it installed and that he would also talk with Mr. Ed Benson

Mrs. Mendenhall said she had had problems trying to get a group of suitable paintings for the library with the Redwine money. She said she wanted to get paintings depicting Georgia scenes. Mrs. Eugene Odum has been chosen as one of the artists to do one of the paintings. Others will be chosen to go with Mrs. Odum's paintings. She also reported that a painting by Mrs. Carlisle Cobb was to be given to the library by Mrs. Cobb's family. Dr. Roy Ward will be contacted to see what he might have to sell.

Mr. Patterson reported that they had had no meeting of the grounds committee but that he had examined the trees on the library grounds and had found them to be in good shape. One tree had blown down and another had lost a large limb in a windstorm in June and this had called for an examination of those left on the grounds.

Mr. Wilson reported on the addition of new members to the board. He moved that the appointing authorities of the city and county be contacted and asked for suggestions of names to be submitted to serve on the library board. Motion carried. After some discussion the current members of the board were asked to suggest names of persons whom they think would make good board members so that the board might be brought up to 36 members as was provided in the constitution. These names were to be given to Mr. Wilson. Mr. Wilson moved that the board be increased by six members. Motion seconded by Mr. Hurley. Motion carried. It was suggested that when a member's term expired that they be contacted and asked if they would like to be reappointed. This would be done before their names were sent to the appointing authorities for reappointment.

A report was given by Mr. Wilson, chairman of the nominating committee. Officers nominated were:

H.L.Cofer, Jr.	Chairman
W.W.Wier	Vice chairman
Thomas H.Milner, Jr.	Treasurer
Sarah E.Maret	Secretary



Mr. Hurley moved that the slate of officers as presented be elected. Motion seconded by Mrs. Wilkins. Motion carried.

Miss Maret reported that the Oglethorpe County Library Board had asked if they might sell the surplus gas heater which belonged to the Regional Library and which is now at the Lexington Library. She said that they wished to apply the money collected for it to help with the cost of carpeting for the Lexington Library. The board discussed this and decided that since this is county property, the matter should be discussed with Mr. George Bullock and get his approval before offering the heater for sale. Mr. Milner moved that if it is satisfactory with the county that we sell the heater to the Oglethorpe County Library Board for \$1.00 and then let them sell it and apply the money to help purchase the carpeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Patterson. Motion carried.

Miss Maret told of meeting with the Model Cities staff and of the organization of a small library in the Model Cities outpost building in East Athens. Mrs. Mendenhall has been assisting with this project. A grant of \$10,000.00 has been given to the library to extend services in the Model Cities area. Tentative plans have been worked out. Some additional staff would be employed to work with the proposed extension of services. Miss Maret suggested that Henry Ginn, a trained librarian, who has also had training in the Lauback method of teaching illiterates to read, be employed to work with this program along with the extension of service by the bookmobile to the several housing project areas. Also, she suggested that Mrs. Robinson of the Regional Library staff be employed to work with the Day Care Centers. It was moved by Mr. Milner that Mrs. Mendenhall, Miss Browning and Miss Maret be empowered to work out the details of the program. Motion seconded and carried.

Miss Maret reported that plans are underway to build a building in the Model Cities area of East Athens and that the library has been asked to occupy part of this facility. 1600 square feet would be set aside for the library. She said this would be a step toward the establishment of branch libraries in the city.

Mr. Milner suggested that the library be closed for the Christmas holidays Friday through Monday. This met with the approval of the board. Mrs. Neighbors moved that the library be allowed to close at 6 p.m. on New Years Eve and that it be closed on New Years Day. Motion seconded. Motion carried.

Salary increases for the staff were discussed. It was moved by Mr. Stroud and seconded by Miss Bocock that increases be granted. Motion carried. It was noted that the limit would be 5.5% of the present salary and that this would be left to the discretion of the Director and the Board Chairman.

Mrs. Mendenhall expresses the gratitude of the board for the leadership of Chairman Wier during his term of office.

Miss Maret asked that the board give consideration to meeting in the Madison County Library for its next Regional meeting. The Madison County Library Board has asked that the group meet in this lovely new facility and she thinks it would be good to accept their invitation. Meeting adjourned

*Ruth E. Maret, Sec.*